



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroo IKEGAMI et al.

Application No.: 09/581,253

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For: LOW POSITIVE PRESSURE CANNED FOOD HAVING AN INTERNAL PRESSURE INSPECTION APTITUDE AND CAN THEREFOR

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Art Unit: 1761

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2002, and before examination after filing the enclosed Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114, the period for response being extended to December 1, 2002, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10 and 14 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim(s) is/are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

1. (Twice Amended) A low positive pressure canned food having an internal pressure inspection aptitude in which contents are filled and sealed in a seamless can, comprising: a body and a bottom thereof molded integrally so that can internal pressure assumes at least a low positive pressure state with respect to the outside atmospheric pressure, characterized in that the can internal pressure is in a range of from 0.2 to 0.8 kgf/cm² at room temperature, the bottom of said seamless can has an annular ground portion of which a ground diameter is 70 to 90% of that of the can in a vicinity of an outer peripheral portion and being convex relative to the exterior of the can, the annular ground portion including an external rising wall having a first

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